

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) An associate web site shopping method implemented in a main web site, comprising the steps of:

providing ~~the~~ a consumer logging on the main web site a hyperlink element linking to the associate web site;

transmitting a consumer ID and a confirmation code to the associate web site for verifying the consumer's identity when the consumer selects the hyperlink element;

receiving trade information transmitted from the associate web site that is related to a purchase action performed by the consumer regarding a physical commodity sold at the associate web site;

billing to the consumer according to the trade information; and

placing an order with the associate web site whereby the associate web site sends out the physical commodity according to the trade information.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of accepting the bill done by the main web site according to the trade information from the associate web site.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of providing the associate web site a confirmation mechanism for the associate web site to verify the consumer's identity before transmitting the ID and the confirmation code to the associate web site.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of accepting a confirmation message regarding the confirmation code from the associate web site after transmitting the ID and the confirmation code to the associate web site.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the trade information includes the ID, the confirmation code, the commodity data, and the commodity quantity.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein  
the main web site further stores the ~~receiver's~~ name and ~~the receiver's~~ address of a receiver; and

the associate web site sends out the commodity according to the ~~receiver's~~ name and ~~the receiver's~~ address of the receiver.

7-11. (Cancelled)